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Bureau of Materials and Physical Research

POLICY MEMORANDUM

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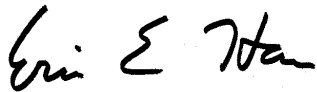
TO: DISTRICT ENGINEERS AND HIGHWAY BUREAU CHIEFS

SUBJECT: INSPECTION PROCEDURES AND APPROVED INSPECTION AGENCIES FOR
TIMBER AND PRESERVATIVE-TREATED TIMBER PRODUCTS

Inspection of both treated and untreated timber and lumber products, except untreated native timber piling, shall be performed by agencies accredited by the American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC). All preservatives and treatment processes shall be in conformance with current American Wood Preserver's Association (AWPA) Standards. The inspection shall be provided by the contractor directly or through his suppliers, and the cost of this inspection shall be incidental to the unit bid price. Acceptance for incorporation into a project will be based upon the use of an approved agency or plant certifying compliance with the appropriate specifications. Any material may be subject to random inspections at the supplier's yard or any project site. Deficiencies in specification compliance as determined by random checks shall be sufficient cause to rescind approval of an inspection agency or plant. Plant records of the inspection, as to either grade or treatment, shall be available for check by a Bureau of Materials and Physical Research representative. Untreated native timber piling will be inspected at the source or destination by the engineer.

A current list of approved inspection agencies and programs can be obtained from the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research. Other inspection agencies or programs will be considered upon application for approval to the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research.

All rough or surfaced sawn lumber, whether untreated or treated, shall be individually stamped with an approved grade stamp, or a written certification or grade shall be furnished. All preservative-treated rough or surfaced sawn lumber shall be marked with a stamp or tag, or a written certification of treatment shall be furnished. All untreated pilings, poles, and round posts shall bear a stamp, hammer mark, or tag of an approved inspection agency. All treated pilings, poles, and posts shall bear a hammer mark or tag indicating inspection for compliance with appropriate treatment standards. All treatment stamps, tags, or written certification shall show inspection agency or standards, plant identification, type of chemical, and minimum retention.



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This policy memorandum supersedes Policy Memorandum 94-5 dated December 1, 1994.

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